The fairness doctrine was abandoned in 1986, but as I understand it there was a presumption that the industry was going to police itself, or be policed by public pressure. Quite simply, Sinclair's extremely biased approach says that this is not working. Sinclair is not serving the public interest, and I believe the FCC should refuse to renew Sinclair's license, in order to send a sharp message to the rest of the industry that fair and open public debate is essential to democracy, and that the industry's offerings to the public are supposed to reflect that principle.